

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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**CUSTOMER NO. 23720**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED AUGUST 7, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008. The three-month date for response to the office action is November 7, 2008.

No fee should be due with this response. If the PTO deems any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason in connection with this response, please deduct the fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2144.000800KG.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. A listing of the claims begins on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 7.